



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Potato Harvest Wrapping Up

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures for the week ending October 24 ranged from one degree below normal to seven degrees above normal for the state. Every district reported precipitation. Major agricultural activities included seeding winter wheat, fall tillage, cutting alfalfa, and harvesting potatoes and sugarbeets

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 5% very short, 14% short, 80% adequate, and 1% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Both the Caribou and Franklin County Extension Offices report most fieldwork is complete. Winter Wheat planted is 94 complete. Winter wheat emerged is 72 percent complete of which 93 percent is in good to excellent condition. Potato harvest, at 98 percent, is essentially complete. Field corn harvested for grain is at 9 percent complete. This is 11 percentage points behind last year and 33 percentage points behind the 5 year average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, alfalfa fourth cutting is at 82 percent complete. The Caribou County extension educator reports cattle are mostly on fall pasture.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2010	2009	Avg.
Dry Beans Harvested	97	100	100
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	9	20	42
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	87	99	97
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	82	92	95

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	1	11	38	50	0
Irr. Water Supply	0	2	18	72	8
Winter Wheat	0	1	6	84	9

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	92	92	92	93	88	95	91	85	88	99	97	97	94	93	94
Emerged	57	46	35	81	66	80	74	50	59	87	80	76	72	59	56
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	96	96	93	98	97	94	98	97	94
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	35	42	35	70	66	58	75	77	70	65	64	55

Avg (2005 – 2009); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 24, 2010 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	64	32	48	1	0.49	0.10	14.26	1.71	3804	1915	-272
Grangeville	67	28	46	2	0.16	-0.26	18.77	1.93	3635	1812	185
Lewiston	66	35	52	2	0.03	-0.18	8.91	1.21	5142	2984	83
Porthill	60	24	43	2	0.35	0.03	22.32	11.2	3271	1506	-150
Winchester	68	26	45	2	0.20	-0.24	16.47	0.39	2882	1243	140
Southwest											
Boise	74	32	52	2	0.64	0.46	8.6	2.08	4646	2601	-167
Emmett	70	34	53	5	0.41	0.20	7.05	0.54	4554	2565	-80
Glenns Ferry	74	28	50	1	1.04	0.89	7.59	2.58	4575	2621	-55
Grandview	72	25	51	2	0.13	0.01	3.88	-0.41	4622	2592	-349
Nampa	70	34	53	4	0.37	0.23	5.7	0.09	4567	2533	-238
Parma	70	32	53	6	0.53	0.33	4.41	-1.75	4746	2677	105
South Central											
Fairfield	69	21	44	2	1.61	1.41	7.88	0.68	2701	1105	-369
Malta	72	20	46	-1	1.24	1.08	8.13	0.35	3600	1818	-240
Picabo	70	27	48	6	1.39	1.22	7.19	0.52	3443	1730	127
Rupert	71	27	48	2	1.29	1.15	8.77	3.04	3710	1897	-212
Twin Falls	71	29	49	3	1.04	0.86	5.71	-0.18	3969	2099	84
East											
Aberdeen	67	26	47	4	0.84	0.63	5.39	-0.79	3586	1803	49
Ashton	68	26	45	4	0.57	0.28	9.33	-2.47	2839	1219	-127
Fort Hall	70	25	47	3	0.53	0.29	6.63	-1.37	3632	1834	-168
Idaho Falls	69	26	49	7	0.00	-0.21	6.84	-0.40	3759	1945	86
Lava Hot Springs	68	29	48	3	0.12	-0.12	9.91	1.91	3577	1815	-187
Montevideo	66	23	44	2	0.00	-0.14	5.36	-1.35	3091	1411	-330
Preston	70	31	50	5	0.34	0.09	8.35	-1.27	3938	2105	-3
Rexburg	68	21	44	2	0.11	-0.10	6.30	-2.54	3044	1345	-96

^{1/} Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.